

City Population Soars to 107,000, County Says

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RAIN (?) STORM PELTS BIG AREA

A Penny for your Thoughts

Due to the recent series of hijackings of commercial airplanes and the resultant Congressional ire expressed in our Nation's Capitol, the Pennies Photographer inquired of five people, "What do you think should be done to stop the hijacking of commercial planes?"

Answers and pictures of the five appear below:

Herman Leffew, 11609 South Western:

"I believe that by arming all members of the crew, it would discourage any attempts at hijacking. I agree with the measures currently being undertaken by some airlines — the carrying of armed guards disguised as passengers."

Steve Analso, 814 Teri Ave.:

"The idea of the pilot and his crew carrying guns appears to be the answer to me. The only apparent hitch in the plan is that it would be necessary to be sure all armed crew members were trained in the use of firearms and would not panic if a crisis erupted."

Art Harkness, 2387 W. Lomita Blvd., Lomita:

"I believe the answer is to shoot anyone who tampers with the airlines. Hijacking of the planes is closely equivalent to piracy on the high seas, and I favor some of the United States Congressmen's suggestions to impose the death penalty on the hijackers."

Mrs. Clara Brown, 2209 Carriage Dr., Rolling Hills:

"I believe that the measures currently being put into effect will be quite effective in preventing future hijackings. I agree that the pilots and crew should be armed and that the crew members should remain inaccessible to passengers. I would like to see, if it were possible, the searching by a fluorescent light or some such device, of every passenger and his luggage."

Miss Jennifer Hansley, 2209

riage Drive, Rolling Hills:

"I agree that the present measures being forced into use are probably the best means of handling the situation. It's wise to arm the crew, keep them in the cockpit, or in some way out of reach of the passengers. The airlines are currently doing this and the only way even the stewardesses can reach the pilot is by means of an intercom system."

Former Local Man, Son Held As Hijackers

A former resident of Torrance and his 16-year-old son face charges of attempting to hijack a \$5 million jet airliner this week after the pilot, also of Torrance, and several hostages were held for nearly nine hours at gunpoint on an El Paso airfield.

Leon Bearden, 38, who once resided at 3319 W. 190th St., and his son, Cody, are being held under bonds totaling \$200,000. They allegedly boarded the jetliner at Los Angeles International Airport and ordered the crew to fly to Cuba.

Capt. Byron D. Richards, who resides at 343 Palos Verdes Blvd., in the Riviera, was forced to land at El Paso early Friday. He had told Bearden that his craft did not have sufficient fuel for the flight to Havana.

SIXTY-ONE of the 65 passengers aboard were released, but the six-member crew and four passengers were held aboard

Tiny Baby Ready To Join Family

Little Mary Quinones, the 20 ounce infant born at Torrance Memorial Hospital on March 22, is reported ready to go home with her parents. The tiny girl has been steadily gaining and now weighs in at more than five pounds.

The infant was born March 22, the first born of a set of premature twins. She was placed in an incubator immediately after birth, and according to doctors and nurses who have showered her with care and affection, exhibited a strong will to live.

She was taken out of the incubator on June 22, but has remained at the hospital. Nurses plan to give her a going home party when her parents arrive at the hospital Monday morning to take her home.

as hostages. Leonard Gilman, Immigration Service official aboard the flight, ended the suspense when he caught the elder Bearden off guard, and felled him with a blow to the jaw. FBI agents rushed the pair at that point and ended the seizure.

BEARDON was arrested by Lennox Sheriff's deputies in 1957 on a charge of robbing a bus office in the Lennox area. Beardon was employed by a Torrance roofing company at the time, and was traced through the company's truck, which officers said he used during the robbery.

He has served prison terms in California and Arizona.

July Building Permits Total \$2 Million

Torrance building permit valuation for July totaled \$2,117,823 with the largest project being a 44-unit apartment building valued at \$350,000.

Permit valuation for the first six months of the year now totals \$13,949,364. Permits were issued last month for 21 single dwellings valued at \$424,515; five multiple dwellings valued at \$707,390; three commercial buildings valued at \$181,680 and five industrial structures valued at \$464,720.

Fifty-six permits valued at \$153,343 were issued for additions, alterations and repairs to dwellings. The permit for the 44-unit apartment was issued to Kronish, Britt and Maltzman for the structure at 3705 W. 174th St.



HE'S A-O-KAY NOW . . . Three-year-old Stephen Orr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Orr, 18410 Haas Ave., is shown playing with his toy train after the doctors okay for full activity following a serious open-heart surgery operation at UCLA Medical Center on April 6. Fifteen pints of blood were supplied by the Red Cross program to make the delicate operation possible.

Torrance Firemen Offer Blood for Son of Buddy

A group of Torrance firemen have notified the Red Cross that they want to give blood to replace that used by the son of one of their co-workers who recently underwent delicate

open-heart surgery at UCLA Medical Center.

Described as "always being a little fireball," Stephen Orr, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Orr, 18410 Haas Ave., was operated upon on April 6.

"Just to show you how active Stephen has always been even though he was born with a hole in the heart—he turned a summersault for the doctors in his bed the fifth day after his operation," explained his mother.

Fifteen pints of blood obtained through the Red Cross blood program were required for surgery which corrected Stephen's heart defect.

Dr. Charles Johnson noted a loud heart murmur in Stephen when he was an infant. The decision to operate now will make it possible for the youngster to look forward "to a perfectly normal, active life."

Stephen is the youngest of four children in the Orr family which has lived in Torrance for the past six years.

"We were able to bring Stephen home after only nine days in the hospital," Mrs. Orr declared. "His brother and sisters tried to keep him quiet for a while, but he was soon back out playing with the neighborhood children."

Twenty-eight Torrance firemen will donate blood at the community bloodmobile to be held at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., on Thursday, Aug. 17.

Persons who wish to donate blood are requested to tele-

City Swelters As Hot, Muggy Weather Hits

Rain in August!

While it may not be an all-time record occurrence, any measurable amount of rainfall in Torrance in August is rare enough that most oldtimers will have to scratch their heads for some time to recall another such event.

That's the week end story as Torrance swelters through a hot, humid day with forecasts of more of the same for Sunday.

Although official precipitation figures were not available late yesterday, it was unofficially estimated that several hundredths of an inch of rain fell Friday evening during the supper hour.

Temperatures soared near the 90-mark yesterday and the humidity factor was not too far behind.

Increase Cited In Residents

Estimates of Los Angeles County population figures released this week placed Torrance fifth in the county in population. The July 1 estimate gave the city 107,183 residents, or a little over 600,000 new residents since the 1960 federal census.

Federal census figures placed the population of Torrance at 100,991 in April, 1960. There were 28,704 dwelling units at that time. Estimates made by the County Regional Planning Commission showed an increase of almost 2000 dwelling units, bringing the total to 30,488, and also showed a six per cent increase in population.

The four cities ranked ahead of Torrance include Los Angeles, Long Beach, Glendale, and Pasadena. Population figures for other South Bay cities are as follows: Redondo Beach, 48,248; Gardena, 37,553; Lawndale, 22,704; and Palos Verdes Estates, 10,310.

Cops Nab Pair for Sex Acts

A Torrance man and woman were arraigned in the Juvenile Court branch of the Superior Court in Los Angeles Friday on charges of performing immoral acts before neighborhood youngsters ranging in ages from 10 to 18.

The pair, Victor Southward, 40, and Billie June Black, 33, who were arrested at 20925 Avis Court, denied the allegations contained in a complaint filed by one of the young witnesses.

Juvenile officers said a complaint was filed on behalf of a young girl after she reported that Southward attempted to molest her.

Police said interviews with nearly a score of area youngsters brought out the story that Southward and the Black woman had been inviting youngsters into their home in the late afternoon and early evening hours and performing various sex acts in the presence of the children, according to Officer A. L. Jackson, who participated in the arrest of the pair Thursday night.



AQUACADE STARS . . . Getting ready for a gala aquacade next Friday and Saturday are some of the participants — swimmers Pat McVey and Bonnie Dalton watching Jack Rawnley and Paula Selleck emerge from the water. Scheduled at the city plunge the aquacade will feature many Torrance youngsters in special demonstrations of the aquatic abilities. The event is sponsored by the Recreation Department, with a Paul Bunyan theme.